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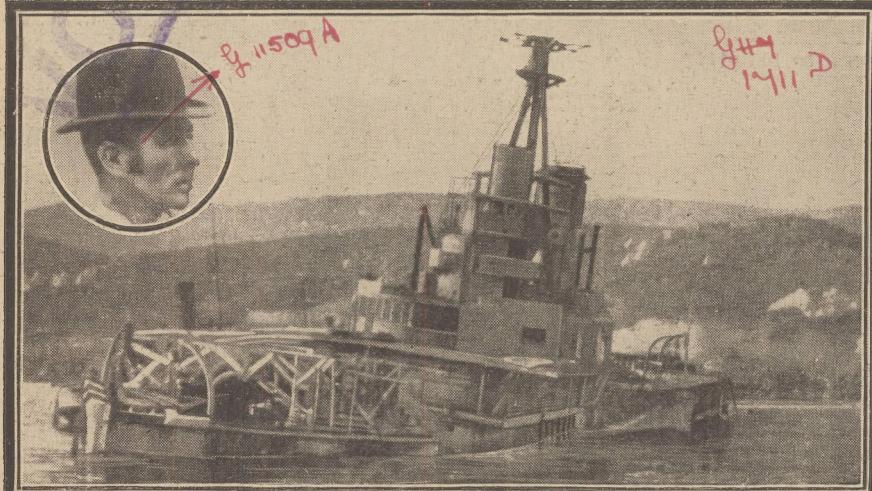
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'MOCK TURTLES' WHICH HOAXED HUNS



No such war-jest as the British squadron of dummy wooden battleships has been played on an enemy since the days of the Trojan horse. For seven months they deceived the Huns in the North Sea and finally decoyed them into the Dogger Bank battle. The photographs show one of the Dreadnaughts (Mock Turtles, the sailors call them) and Commodore Haddock (late of the White Star liner Olympic) who commanded the squadron.

MISS PHYLLIS BEDELLS MARRIED.



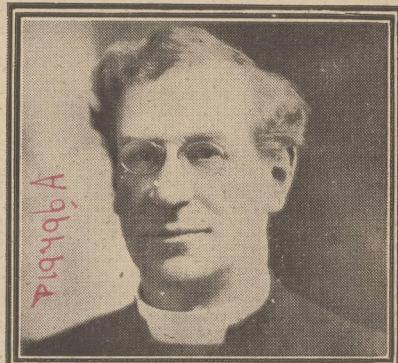
Miss Phyllis Bedells, the well-known premiere danseuse, and Captain Ian Gordon MacBean, D.S.O., Sherwood Foresters, who were quietly married at Marylebone Parish Church. They met two years ago.



DETECTIVE RETIRING.—
Mr. John McCarthy, superintendent, C.I.D., who is resigning. He had charge of scores of famous cases.

MAN OF MANY PARTS.—
Mr. Thomas Hedderwick, police court magistrate, barrister, author and ex-M.P., who has died.

A VICAR'S BUTTER



The Rev. G. C. Wallis, vicar of Ormesby, near Great Yarmouth, who had 33lb. of butter in his house. The chairman of the Bench, a brother clergyman, expressed sincere regret that he should be the first local "victim" and fined him £1.—(Exclusive.)

EXCLUDED FROM 'CHANGE.



Mr. Hugo Weinberger, a naturalised British subject, born at Nuremberg, who yesterday lost the test action in which he challenged his exclusion from the Stock Exchange. He is seen outside the Law Courts.

MISS HOOLEY MARRIED ON HER FATHER'S BIRTHDAY.



Group taken after the wedding of Grace, daughter of Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, who is seen holding an honoured guest and standing between his wife and Lord Maidstone, best man. The bridegroom, Lieutenant-Commander A. W. I. Brewell, D.S.C., Legion of Honour, R.N., is on crutches.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

DRASTIC POWERS FOR FOOD COMMITTEES.

Stocks in Shops May Be Seized and Distributed.

NO POTATO HOARDING.

The Ministry of Food announces that, under the Food Control Committees (Requisitioning Order) the Food Controller confers upon the Food Committees powers in regard to all foodstuffs similar to those already possessed as to margarine, and the Food Control Committees (Margarine Requisition) Order is consequently revoked from February 1.

A Food Committee may, with a view to proper distribution within their area, require any retailer in their area to place at their disposal any foodstuffs which are held by him or consigned to him for the purposes of retail sale.

A food committee may deal with foodstuffs so acquired in such manner as they may think fit.

The order does not apply to catering businesses and restaurants.

The Ministry of Food informs the *Liverpool Express*, regarding the position of allotment holders under the hoarding order, that the Government will take over all supplies of potatoes from November 1 next, but will leave growers sufficient for their own need. Other vegetables will probably not be regarded as hoarded.

Housewives may save sugar from their allowance for jam only if fruit is home grown.

SHILLING MEAT COUPONS.

It is stated that the Food Controller is about to issue an order prohibiting the sale of margarine at shops to persons who are not registered at the particular shop for sugar supplies.

The Consumers' Council still have before them the question of the form in which the London meat ration will be issued.

It is understood that in all probability the coupon will have a money and not a weight value, as it is suggested that it would be unfair to treat 1lb. of inferior meat as being equal to a similar quantity of the best.

It is believed that the ration will be a little more than 1s. per head per week, but the amount is not yet definitely fixed.

Every child under ten years of age resident in London or the counties of Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex is entitled to receive two cards, a food card and a meat card.

Every child under ten years of age will receive a special distinctive food card and a special child's meat card.

The cards provide for a period of twenty weeks.

The food card is to be used for the present only to buy butter and margarine.

In order to buy butchers' meat the cards must be registered with a retailer.

Butchers' meat means fresh beef, pork and mutton.

Suet and sausages, bacon and ham, tripe, liver, sweetbreads, hearts, heads and feet, cold and preserved meats are included in the meat ration, and can only be bought by surrendering coupons.

Smaller Rations for Soldiers.—The ration of meat, sugar and tea for troops serving at home, other than boys under nineteen, who are under training to go overseas, has been reduced.

Lord Derby, in a letter to Lord French, says: "When the whole nation is being called upon to reduce its consumption, I hope you agree with me that the Army at home will expect equally to be asked to make certain sacrifices of comfort. The burden cannot be allowed to fall wholly on the women, children and civilian workers."

TRIBUNALS CONFER.

A Resolution That May Have "Far-Reaching Effects."

A conference of members of metropolitan tribunals was held at the House of Commons yesterday. Sir D. Maclean, chairman of the London Appeal Tribunal, presiding.

The proceedings were private. Sir D. Maclean subsequently stated that the meeting had passed the following resolution, which was likely to have far-reaching effects on tribunals throughout the country:

"That this meeting of representatives of London tribunals, appeal and local, considers that in the case of men of exceptionally low physical capacity, in Grade 3, the national interests are best served by their retention in civil life if such men are engaged or become engaged in work of national importance."

The conference further expressed the opinion that each division of Grade 3 should be disclosed to the tribunal.

SOAP RATIONS NEXT?

The *Daily Mirror* learns that, owing to the restricted output of soap, steps may be taken shortly to limit the retail sales of this most useful commodity.

It is stated that no one will be allowed to buy more than one pound of household soap at a time.



Col. Roosevelt, who is ill with fever at Washington, following an operation for abscesses.



Princess Helena Victoria, who has given an Indian necklace of pearls for the Red Cross art sale.

FIRST WITH THE NEWS

Official German Story of 3 p.m. Battle in Oxford Street.

"POLICE PUT TO FLIGHT!"

Berlin has secured an exclusive news story—so exclusive is it that it has been given the official hall mark of the German Government, and all the same it will be news to London.

Here is one of the most comical stories of the war. It is circulated by the wireless stations of the German Government, and picked up by the Admiralty press Wireless Press.

"During the whole of January the strikes in England have led to numerous riots and scenes in the streets.

"Concerning one of these riots, which took place in London on January 17, and which is typical of the state of affairs in England to-day, our Amsterdam correspondent gives the following details: 'On January 17, at 3 p.m. there was a conflict between the police and the crowd, in which the police had the worst of it, and were put to flight.'

"Then a detachment of Scotch recruits, who were in barracks at Shepherds Bush (Shepherd's Bush?) were summoned to their assistance.

"When they reached Oxford Street, where the principal fighting between the crowd and the police had place, and the soldiers were ordered to fire, the majority of them refused, and about eighty men were arrested.

M.P.'S INDIGNANT SHOUT.

Mr. Chamberlain in Common's Scene—Franchise Bill Now Law.

After a lively debate in the Commons last night, the Lords' amendments to the Franchise Bill, introducing a limited form of proportional representation for 100 constituencies, were agreed by 224 votes to 114. The deletion by the Lords of the alternative vote provision was agreed to without a division.

Mr. Chamberlain was speaking vigorously against the action of the Upper House, Mr. Balfour, thinking he had finished, rose to speak, but Mr. Chamberlain, raising his voice to a shout, exclaimed: "This is adding insult to injury." The House rocked with laughter. Mr. Balfour sat down promptly.

Later the Royal Assent was given in the Lords to the Franchise Bill, which thus becomes an Act, and Parliament was prorogued till Tuesday next.

'I ENCOURAGED HIS LOVE.'

Divorce Court Story of Wife's Letter to Invalided Husband.

On the ground of the misconduct of his wife with W. Sichel (the co-respondent), said to be a subaltern in the Army, Mr. John Lovells was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court yesterday.

Mr. Lovells married his wife secretly in January, 1916, and on March 10 went to France. In June he informed his parents of his marriage, and in January, 1917, he was invalided home. While in hospital in London he received a letter from his wife, in which she said:—

"...I only want to tell my story to you without the slightest warning. I am S. Sichel about February 8, 1916. At this time my marriage, as you know, was kept quiet. This man, I fear, I fell in love with me, and, I fear, perhaps, I encouraged him by not telling him at first I was married with you."

Afterwards inquiries showed that Mrs. Lovells and Sichel stayed together at a London hotel in July, 1916.

CONSCRIPTION FOR WOMEN?

Women Who Are Advocating Compulsory National Service.

How soon will conscription for women come? A circular expressing the belief that women are willing to be conscripted to save men going back to the front after several wounds was sent by Lady Askwith to all the mayresses and lady lieutenants in the British Isles.

"More than 50 per cent. advocated conscription," Lady Askwith told *The Daily Mirror*.

The War Office's Land Army want 14,000 recruits for the coming spring to sign on for six to twelve months. Girls are wanted as foresters, forage workers or farm workers.

Conditions for the girls in the Land Army have changed very greatly," Miss Talbot, head of the Women's Branch of the Board of Agriculture, told *The Daily Mirror*.

"The *Liverpool Echo* approached Lord Derby yesterday, and his reply was: 'Anything may happen, but it is absolutely news to me.'

J.P.'S FOOD HOARD.

One Magistrate Fined £5, Another To Pay Costs.

LABOURER'S £30 PENALTY.

Among the food hoarders summoned yesterday were two magistrates and a town councillor.

No Fines.—Thomas Barton, for nearly a quarter of a century justice of the peace for the county of Lancaster, and George Duckworth, a member of the Southport Council, were yesterday at Southport ordered to pay the expenses of their prosecution on charges of food hoarding.

Barton had 240lb. of flour and Duckworth 68lb. of bacon and forty-two tins of salmon.

The Bench said that except for Lord Rhondda's permission, published yesterday, allowing hoarders to give back their excess supplies, severe penalties would have been inflicted.

J.P. FINED £5.—Dr. R. S. Charsley, one of the senior magistrates on the Slough Bench, who fined £5, was yesterday ordered to pay the expenses of 60lb. of flour, 6lb. bacon, 20lb. and 10lb. each of tea, cocoa and coffee.

£30 FINE ON LABOURER.—At the North Holland Petty Sessions, Boston (Lincs.), yesterday, James Favell, an agricultural labourer, was fined £30 for food hoarding. The police found 35lb. of tea, 138lb. of self-raising flour, 238lb. of house-hold flour and 10wt. of lumps of sugar.

WHAT IS HOARDING?

"What is food hoarding?"

No previous announcement by the Food Controller has so perplexed people as the latest one calling on all persons who think they hold food in excess of "ordinary requirements" to report the details to the local Food Committee between Monday next and February 18, "with a view to their voluntary surrender."

The Hoarding Order of April 9, 1917, laid down merely that:

No person shall acquire any article of food so that the quantity of such article in his possession or under his control at any time exceeds the quantity required for ordinary use of consumption in the household or establishment.

"We have not been constrained from specifying any particular period as to what extent a housewife may lay in stores," said a spokesman of the Food Ministry yesterday.

"The burden of proving that the supplies are only normal will rest upon any person who may be prosecuted."

"AN ACTOR'S NERVES."

Recuperative "Week-Ends" and "a Cottage" in Cornwall."

In the Divorce Court yesterday a decree of restitution of conjugal rights was granted to Mrs. Saffo Buchanan against her husband, Mr. John Buchanan.

Both are on the stage, said counsel, respondent at the present time being engaged at the Comedy Theatre.

Respondent left his wife in January, 1917, refusing to live with her. In June last she wrote asking him to provide a home. He replied that he was negotiating for a cottage down in Cornwall to live in, but that he could only visit her week-ends. He also wrote:—

"You may imagine that, with the threatened air raids, an actor's nerves require a little recuperation at the week-end. I will do the matter in a reasonable spirit. I feel sure there will be no obstacle to our living together again."

Petitioner replied:—

"As I am your wife I must ask you to do for me what any reasonable man does, that is make a home for his wife."

Respondent wrote, in reply, that his offer must be accepted or declined.

LOST IN THE CHANNEL.

Admiralty Admissions About Fate of British Vessels.

In the House of Commons yesterday the First Lord of the Admiralty in connection with the recent sinking of the *Admiral Hood* said: "I am sorry to say that the ship sank in the middle of the Atlantic, and there is no hope of saving any of the crew."

Dr. Macnamara regretted that fourteen out of a crew of 1,400 had been lost, and that all the men and military passengers had been lost.

Mr. Houston asked whether a steamer coming from Ireland to Liverpool was sunk by enemy action on or about December 27 last.

Dr. Macnamara said the vessel was carrying a crew of twenty-four and one passenger.

Mr. Lambart asked whether a cargo vessel carrying home-grown wheat from Sutton Bridge, Lynn's Lynn and Wisbech to Newcastle was recently sunk with 1,200 tons of home-grown wheat on board.

Sir L. Chiozza Money stated that the vessel was sunk by the enemy.

"ABSOLUTELY NEWS TO ME."

In view of the rumours, repeated by London writers of a coming change in the British Admiralty, and the story of a surprise, like the appointments of the brothers Geddes, being sent to the Admiralty, the *Advertiser* yesterday, in a special article, according to one well-informed journal, the *Liverpool Echo* approached Lord Derby yesterday, and his reply was: "Anything may happen, but it is absolutely news to me."

THRILLING 2 HOURS' FIGHT IN BIGHT.

Heroism of Boy Bugler Who Sounded "Action."

"THE FIRST TO DIE."

One of the first to die was a Marine bugler on board the leading light cruiser, not long after he had sounded "Action." He was a treble-voiced striping, of fourteen, and his bugle, battered and twisted by the explosion of the shell which killed him, was found after the action, and will pass from his into his mother's keeping.

This is an extract from a thrilling description of a two hours' running fight between British light forces and enemy vessels in the Bight of Heligoland.

Our forces selected for the thrust into the Bight arrived at their rendezvous at seven o'clock on November 17.

Their objective was to penetrate into the enemy's home waters until something bigger than themselves stopped them, "mopping up" on route such as the enemy's light forces or minesweepers as they might chance to meet.

Our information resulting from the researches of British submarines, the rough whereabouts of the German minefields were known.

The passages through them were plain enough as long as the attackers followed in the wake of the retreating enemy and returned the way they came.

All that was required was the practice of hostile vessels, and at 7.30 a.m. the enemy was sighted ahead, moving to the north-westward in a procession of minesweepers, light cruisers and destroyers.

British destroyers overhauled and sank an outpost minesweeper, and plunged into the smoke of the fleeing enemy, crossed it and emerged into comparatively clear visibility.

An enemy light cruiser was sighted trailing east, heavily on fire at, but the destroyers, shaping course for a torpedo attack on her, encountered a minefield.

These concentrated a heavy fire upon the destroyers, who fell back on the supporting light cruisers, picking their way back at full speed between the spouting columns of water from falling shell.

For two hours the running fight continued. Heligoland was but twenty-eight miles to the south-eastward, the outer fringe of the German minefields, and the British force had to pass between the masts and funnels of a German battle squadron before sighted coming up over the horizon.

Shortly afterwards a hail of big calibre shells, pitchfork across the path of the British on-slaught, showed that the thrust had reached home.

Turning simultaneously the splinter-riddled little grey ships began their perilous retreat. The British ships, which had been "on the double" and "drawn" the big ships, and with flags, lamp and wireless the headlong pursuit was checked.

The British forces withdrew at noon and returned to their base. (Admiralty copyright.)

NEWS ITEMS.

National Relief Fund.—The report of the National Relief Fund, issued yesterday, showed £8,241,361 receipts and £2,984,947 issued for naval and military relief.

Metropolitan Magistrate Dead.—Mr. Hedderwick, the North London Police Court magistrate, who never imposed a fine of more than 2s. 6d. for a "drunk," died yesterday.

£500 NECKLACE STOLEN.—A £500 pearl and diamond necklace was stolen from Viscountess Lifford, Countess Cromwell, Arundel, when she was travelling on Piccadilly Railway yesterday.

Stock Exchange Test Case.—The action of Mr. Hugo Weinberger, a naturalised British subject, to test the validity of the Stock Exchange Committee's decision in refusing to re-elect him was yesterday dismissed.

TO-DAY'S GATWICK CARD.

Considering war-time conditions, there was an excellent attendance at Gatwick yesterday. The going was good and runners were plentiful. The Stewards' Chase was won by the "White National" hero Ballymac, but Shaun Dunn and Tom Dunn, both of the "Red" Marcus refused and Sergeant Murphy was pulled up.

Prospectus money may not be bright, although the class of competition may be good, with the big Selectors.

12.30.—MACMERRY. 2.15.—SAXON.

1.15.—PRINCE FRANCIS. 2.45.—MR. PICK.

1.45.—GOOD EXEMPLAR. 3.15.—PRAWE POINT.

DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY. MACMERRY and SAXON. BOUVERIE.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

12.30.—Senechal (6-11, G. Duley), 1, Silver Saint (3-1), 2, F. D. Duley, 2, 10s. 6d. 1.15.—Ballymac (3-1), 2, Dick Dunn (6-1), 1, 11s. 11d. 1.11.—Cromwell (3-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.07.—Rasdon, 1, 12s. 1.03.—Carter Singer (2-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—L. Anthony (1-1), 2, Waverley (1-1), 1, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Ballymac (3-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Cromwell (3-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Duley, 1, 12s. 1.01.—Marl (3-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Senechal (5-4), 2, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Hawkins (5-4), 1, 11s. 11d. 1.01.—Back (5-1), 2, Full Stop (5-1), 3, 10s. 11d. 3.15.—Eager (5-1), 2, 11s. 11d. 7.15.—Duley (5-1), 2, Shaccas (9-4), 2, Bernstein (5-3), 3, 7.15.

The "War National" has closed with thirty-eight subscribers, the same number as last year.

THE MOST NOTABLE KING'S SPEECH OF THE WAR

Civilised World United in League of Nations
Against Aggression—The Final Tests.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S RAID INTO GERMANY.

10 Big Ships Down—British Airmen Drop 6½ Tons of Bombs on Foe Targets—Ostend Shelled.

The Throne and Democracy.—The King's Speech, closing the parliamentary session, contains many striking phrases. It proclaims that practically the whole civilised world is united in a League of Nations against aggression and that the determination of the democracies of the world to obtain a just peace stands out ever more clearly.

Sinkings.—The number of big ships down last week was ten, as compared with nine during the previous week.

Air Raid Into Germany.—French airmen dropped three and a half tons of bombs on Saarbrück (Rhenish Prussia). Attacked by groups of enemy aeroplanes, they downed three and then returned safely.

BRITISH REPULSE DAY AND NIGHT RAIDERS.

Big Guns Still Booming—Patrols Bring in Prisoners.

BRITISH OFFICIAL

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday, 9.8 P.M.—The enemy raided one of our posts early last night west of Zandvoorde. Six of our men are missing.

This morning another party of the enemy which attempted to enter our lines near Neuve Chapelle were repulsed with loss.

A number of prisoners has been brought in during the day by our patrols on different parts of the front.

Hostile artillery showed considerable activity during the latter part of the night in the neighbourhood of Havincourt Wood, and during the day has been active south of Lens and north of Lens and in the neighbourhood of the Menin road.

10.4 A.M.—Raids attempted by the enemy during the night in the neighbourhood of Mericourt and Asion were in each case successfully repulsed. We captured a few prisoners.

Except for some artillery activity on both sides in the neighbourhood of Hargicourt and south of Lens there is nothing further to report.

FRANCE OFFICIAL

Afternoon.—There was a violent artillery duel towards the end of the night in the region of the Bois des Fosses.

In the Woewoe our patrols brought back prisoners.

Night.—The day was quiet on the whole of the front, except in the region of Auberive, where both sides displayed certain activities. Two surprise attacks attempted by the Germans this morning in the region of Fosses Wood were repulsed.

GERMAN OFFICIAL

Afternoon.—Prince Rupprecht's Front.—During the afternoon artillery activity increased on isolated sectors of the Flanders front, in the neighbourhood of Armentières, and on the La Bassée Canal.

There was lively mine firing near Lens.

On the Scarpe and west of Cambrai artillery firing increased considerably towards evening.

Crown Prince's Front.—Enemy reconnaissances in the Argonne and east of Avocourt were repulsed.

Yesterday seven enemy aeroplanes and one captive balloon were shot down.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES BOMBARD OSTEND.

Our Guns Severely Damage Marine Yards and Establishments.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—According to messages from the front the British naval forces have again bombarded the marine yards and establishments at Ostend, and it is reported that the yards have been severely damaged.

Two German aeroplanes which were reconnoitring during the attack were shot down, all the occupants being killed.—Central News.

SALONIKA ACTIVITY.

FRANCE OFFICIAL

Salonika Front.—There were patrol encounters on the Lower Struma.

The enemy, after artillery preparation, attempted a surprise attack on our trenches to the north of Leskovo. He suffered a complete check.

OUR AIRMEN DROP 6½ TONS OF BOMBS ON FOE.

Cambrai Aerodrome Attacked—Nine Hun Planes Downed.

BRITISH AIR OFFICIAL

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday, 9.8 P.M.—On the 5th inst. visibility was again indifferent, but a considerable amount of work was carried out by our aeroplanes in conjunction with the artillery, and many hostile batteries were successfully engaged.

Several successful reconnaissances were completed, and nearly five tons of bombs were dropped on hostile railway stations and sidings and targets.

Hostile aircraft were rather more active. In the course of the fighting our aeroplanes brought down five German machines and drove down four others out of control.

A German observation balloon was also brought down. Four of our aeroplanes are missing.

On the night of the 5th-6th inst. our machines again bombed an aerodrome south-east of Cambrai and also the hostile billets, dropping one and a half tons of bombs.

All our machines returned.

HUNS GRABBING PLANS IN SECRET MEMORANDUM.

"Vosges Frontier To Be Improved—Brizey and Longwy to Go."

PARIS, Wednesday.—The *Petit Journal* to-day publishes the text of a secret memorandum sent to the Austrian Government by Count Herlitz's predecessor, Dr. Michaelis. In it the following passage regarding France occurs:—

"In the Vosges the frontier will be improved. We shall take some valleys, so that it will no longer be possible to fire on German frontier troops from French territory."

"France will lose Brie for economic and military reasons, due to the fact that it possesses sixteen million tons of iron ore. For the protection of Germany's and Luxembourg's metal industries Longwy must also remain in our hands."

"France will be compensated by a part of Hainaut, Brabant and Luxembourg."—Reuter.

A Central News telegram also quotes from the memorandum:—

The document states that the aim of Germany is to assure the position of the German Empire in Central Europe and to extend its territories by crushing England.

"We cannot overthrow Russia because we cannot penetrate to the heart of the country, but we can weaken her sensibly by detaching the Baltic provinces and the Ukraine."

"The frontier between Germany and Poland must be profoundly remodelled."

ITALIAN AIR RAIDS.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL

Afternoon.—Our patrols showed remarkable activity in capturing prisoners.

There was lively aerial activity on the whole front yesterday. Our own and British bombing flights attacked with good effect enemy troops in the vicinity of Primolano and the aviation ground of St. Giacomo di Viglia respectively.

A large fire was caused by our airships in the ammunition stores of St. Stino di Livenza.

Five hostile machines were brought down, two of them by our men and three by British airmen.

Venice, Mestre and Treviso were bombarded once again yesterday after sunset.

10 BIG SHIPS DOWN.

The Admiralty shipping return shows ten big ships were sunk last week, as compared with nine.

Over Under Fishing
Week ended 1,600 tons. 1,600 tons. Vessels.

Feb. 2 10 5 4

Jan. 26 9 6 1

" 19 6 2 0

" 12 6 2 5

" 5 18 3 4

The weekly average in round figures of ships sunk in preceding months was:—

Dec. (5 weeks) 14 3 1

Nov. (4 weeks) 8 6 25

Oct. (4 weeks) 14 5 1

The arrivals and sailings of merchant ships of all nationalities (over 1,000 tons net) for the week ending February 2 were 2,339 and 2,373, a total of 4,712.

Three ships were successfully attacked. Italian losses were one big steamer and fifteen sailing ships (nine under and six over 100 tons).—Reuter.

Two French ships over 1,000 tons and one under 1,000 tons were sunk.

VIGOROUS WORDS IN THE KING'S SPEECH.

Democracies of the World Against Germany.

FACING 'THE FINAL TEST.'

In the House of Lords last night the Lord Chamberlain read the King's speech as follows:—

My Lords and Gentlemen,—

Since last I addressed you great events have happened.

Within a few weeks of that occasion the United States of America decided to take their stand by the side of this country and our Allies in defence of the principles of liberty and justice.

This entry into the war, followed by that of other neutral States, has united practically the whole civilised world in a league of nations against unscrupulous aggression, and has lent additional strength to our arms and inspired fresh confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause.

TRAGEDY OF RUSSIA.

On the other hand, Russia, distracted by internal dissension, has not been able to participate in the struggle until the fruits of her sacrifices could have been reaped and for the present has ceased to play her part in the Allied cause.

The negotiations opened by her with the enemy have, however, served but to prove that the ambitions which provoked this unhappy war are as yet unabated.

Those tragic events have added to the burden of the other Allies, but they have not impaired the vigour and the loyalty with which one and all are determined to win the war.

Amidst the confusion of changing events, the determination of the democracies of the world to secure a just and enduring peace stands out ever more clearly.

BRITISH VICTORIES.

In all the theatres of war my naval and military forces have displayed throughout the year a noble courage, a high constancy and a fixed determination which have won for them the admiration of my people.

In France the enemy have been repeatedly and successfully thrown back, and I await with assurance the further progress of the conflict.

In Palestine, Mesopotamia, the revered and famous cities of the Orient have been wrested from the Turk, while in Africa the enemy has lost the last remnant of his colonial possessions.

In all the fields the forces of my dominions and the Indian Empire have borne their full share in the toil and the glory of the day.

During the year the representatives of my dominions and of the Indian Empire were summoned for the first time to the sessions of the Imperial War Cabinet. Their deliberations have borne the utmost value, both in the prosecution of the war and in the promotion of imperial unity.

GERALD REFORM ACT.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

I thank you for the liberality with which you have made provision for the heavy expenditure of the war.

My Lords and Gentlemen,—

I have been pleased to give my consent to your proposals for the better representation of my people, to the third which will ensure the much larger number of my subjects in the United Kingdom an effective voice in the government of the country, and will enable the national unity, which has been so marked a characteristic of the war, to continue in the not less arduous work of reconstruction in times of peace.

The settlement of this difficult question by agreement leads me still to hope that, in spite of the complexity of the problem, a solution may be possible in regard to the government of Ireland upon which a Convention of representatives of my Irish people is now deliberating.

The successful prosecution of the war is still our first aim and endeavour.

I have watched with a proud and grateful heart the progress with which all sections of my people have responded to every demand made upon them for this purpose, and as they face the final tests which may yet be required to carry our efforts to fruition I pray that Almighty God may vouchsafe to us his blessing.

THE BOLO TRIAL.

Damaging evidence was given against Bolo yesterday, says a Paris Exchange message.

Casella, who claims to be the correspondent of the *Matin* in Switzerland, showed how the campaign to buy the French Press was started.

Bolo Pasha had promised the Khedive, who was speaking for von Jagow, to get a hold in the controlling interest of several big French papers, the *Temps* and the *Figaro*, as well as two or three provincial papers.

It was shown yesterday by the expert accountant, M. Doyen, that twelve million marks had been given by Germany to Bolo to that end.

HUN FEARS OF AIR RAIDS

According to a Dusseldorf telegram, published in the *Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung*, says a Reuter Amsterdam message, the danger from enemy air raids was discussed recently by Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff and several members of the German Government, who visited army headquarters for the purpose.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Mr. Baker again appeared before the Senate Military Committee to-day and was cross-examined regarding his recent statement that 500,000 American troops would soon be available for France and 1,000,000 more in the course of this year.

Mr. Baker said his latter estimate did not depend wholly on American shipping.

Additional tonnage is becoming constantly available through other sources. On January 1 more troops were transported to France, both combatant and non-combatant, than had been planned.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S HALF-MILLION.

ON EAST AND WEST FRONTS—CLEANING THE TURK.



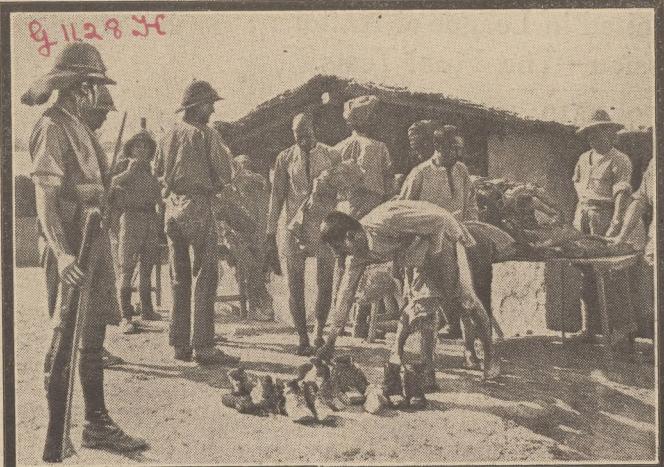
Sir G. Perley at Vimy.—(Canadian War Records.)



SPECIAL MISSION.—Sir R. Llewellyn Smith, of the Board of Trade, who has undertaken a special mission for the Government.



FRENCH BOY ACTOR.—Fernand Mariens, who will make his debut in England at a matinee at the Court Theatre to-day.



Following a sorely-needed bath, each Turkish prisoner is provided with a complete outfit and new marching boots. They are seen making a selection.—(Official photograph.)



Camouflaging a road the Boche might peep through.—(Official photograph.)



Soldiers crossing the Scarpe. They use a home-made oar.—(Official photograph.)

PRINCESS AT A TEA-PARTY.



Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll waiting on the children of local fighting men at Shoreditch.



ON TWO FRONTS.—Miss E. Linton, who has nursed at Lady Wimborne's hospital in Malta. She is now working in France.



RED CROSS NURSE.—Mrs. Taylor, whose husband, Major Charles M. Taylor, R.F.A., is serving on the western front.

THREE PORTR



Miss Mabel Russell, who has given birth to twin sons, following an operation for appendicitis. Her husband is Lt. Hilton Philipson, Scots Guards.



Brevet key. W. Tank brigade.

IN CHILLY CLIME



Coaling one of H.M. ships on the R. across the ice on sledges.



The Crown Prince, a fine Wiltshire pig, which was the first prize at a tombola in aid of the Red Cross at Devizes. Mrs. Oliver, the organiser, is seen tying on his Lusitania medal, which was included with the pig.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



This vessel, which was salvaged in the African liner. She is supposed to have caused the death of twenty-five what our men

SHE'S

INTEREST



Lady Muriel Page, who is returning from Russia with her nursing contingent after enduring hardships and privations for many months.

BY SLEIGHS.



The fuel is conveyed two miles by process.



ships, was originally a West the result of incendiarism, trapped by the flames. Note side.

JRS.

NOTES THAT MOVE—NEW WAY OF TEACHING MUSIC.



The youngsters never get "crotchety" when taught in this fashion. A novel method of teaching music to young children by means of movable notes has been adopted by a teacher in North London.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

A MILITARY WEDDING.



Lieutenant W. Carmichael Gibson, Hampshire Regiment, and his bride (Miss Maude Buxton) after their wedding.

GIRLS' STEEL HELMETS.



The L.C.C. ambulance girls, who work during air raids, have been provided with shrapnel-proof helmets.

SEAL'S DOOM SEALED—A SCENE IN THE ARCTIC.



When sighting seals the hunters use a special screen, as otherwise the extreme whiteness of the snow would dazzle the eyes. A seal can be seen in the background.



Please, teacher, where does this one go?"



TWO HONOURS.—Miss Grace Corder, a hospital matron at Malta, awarded the R.R.C. (1st Class) and the French Medal of Honour.

BAR TO MM.—Sgt. J. Southgate, Norfolk Regiment, who took command when his officers had become casualties and reached his objective.

OBVIOUSLY AN AMERICAN.



A bather at Palm Beach, where the sun shines and no one worries about the coal shortage.



ROLL OF HONOUR.—Lt. G. W. Conroy, R.M.A., killed in action. His bravery had won for him two Belgian decorations.

FROM U.S.A.—Miss Macfarlane, an American girl, who has undertaken war work in both London and New York.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1918.

"CLOSE RANKS" OR "DOWN TOOLS"?

TO state the alternative is to answer it very swiftly . . . For we do not believe that, while the whole Fighting Army in France waits for the most critical battles of the war, any portion, however small, of the Labouring Army at home will fail to support their friends and relations, their sons and brothers, in the field . . .

That is the first broad statement, or covering consideration, of the whole matter, in this dispute between the A.S.E., the other Trade Unions and the Government.

The men asked for by Sir Auckland Geddes form the essential *minimum* of those required for immediate training, in view of reinforcement. Presuming the wisest and most economical use of all men actually under arms, these new men would still be needed. The demand for them is an undisputed requirement based on minute examination, over months, of the whole question of man-power, as it has been thoroughly investigated and resolved by the War Cabinet.

We say this first, because we believe that a psychological factor, working against the realisation of the necessary man-power scheme, is, vaguely, an impression that these men are not really essential: or, to put it another way, that "they would be better where they are." That is an utterly false idea. We must have the men. We must have them without delay. And we can only get them in the way now suggested.

But surely, if you do not dispute that position, you cannot allow *any* proposition to interfere with the admitted need.

Suppose the A.S.E.—or any other Union—deeply wronged, or far more stupidly misunderstood and "betrayed" than any Clyde worker claims to be at the moment. Still the *close ranks* order would dominate the *down tools*: because *no* dispute, however grave, can be allowed at this stage to prepare the way for Prussia.

Prussia, too, quite lately has had a minor *down tools* movement to face. How did her Government face it? By respecting Labour organisations? By listening to just demands? By concession on any point? No; but by thrusting Labour leaders into fortresses and by applying the moral and physical *sabre à la Zabern* to the backs of working men.

Prussia first then—Prussia the enemy; and, by consequence, Prussia out of the way before we wrangle at home!

For the rest, and in regard to the difficult technical disagreement, which in spite of its technicality does indeed involve matters of wide principle, the public should consider that the dispute presents itself not only or mainly as one between Government and Labour, but rather as a dispute between one Union and all the others. It is the other Unions who object (as much as the Government) to marking out the A.S.E. for privileged treatment.

A newspaper not famed for support of Labour yesterday complained of the Government's broken pledge. As to what?

As to the coming out of dilutives from the A.S.E. before the regularly skilled men.

But nobody, even in the pressure of war's business, and in the hurry of war speech, ever promised to take a diluttee of forty to fight before a man of twenty in the original Union. Nor is there any agreement as to the true definition of the term "diluttee." To make a wild dash at the diluttee is to aim at a false distinction. The distinction and demand are we repeat *military*. And that means that men are *fit* or *unfit*. The other distinction (between regular Union man and diluttee) is an industrial one; and, as such, irrelevant in time of war, except in so far as the diluttee is a less "indispensable" worker in war production.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother.—Napoleon.



The Hon. Phyllis Gosschen, who has been nursing wounded since the beginning of the war.

Lady Hardinge, where only the Hon. N. H. Hardinge, has just gained the M.C.

BUSY PREMIER.

New Home for the Air Board—Great Tree-Planting Scheme in Galway.

ALTHOUGH PARLIAMENT is technically suspended, Ministers are hard at it. Mr. Lloyd George's tasks for the next few days include discussing Ireland with the Irish Convention

FROM "OUR ECONOMICAL WAR-TIME COOKERY BOOK"!

HAVING PUT ON A PAIR OF WHITE KID GLOVES, BUILD UP A GOOD FIRE WITH LARGE LUMPS OF BEST COAL



NEXT, LINE A CASSEROLE (HAVING, OF COURSE, CHANGED YOUR FEW POUNDS OF GLOVES) WITH A FRESH BUTTER, MARGARINE



HAVING ADDED A PINT OF CREAM . . .



How is it that so many of the recipes recommended to housewives as economical at this time begin by demanding the use of large quantities of very expensive or unprocureable ingredients?—(By W. K. Haselden.)

delegates and endeavouring to settle things with the A.S.E.—both hefty jobs.

Treasury Alert.—Everybody is up and doing, I notice, at the Treasury, where the officials are working in connection with the next Budget—the most stupendous money-saving scheme of modern times. All the other Government departments are humming with activity, and the Ministers responsible are at their posts.

No Respite.—I notice that even the private member is not abandoning London to any extent for the very brief recess. Perhaps he thinks it is not worth while, as he will have to be back at work again next week.

Mannish Modes.—I saw Viscountess Curzon, walking with Lady Masséenne, in Piccadilly yesterday, and was astonished to observe that she wore a black velvet coat cut exactly like a man's dinner jacket and bound with braid. A check skirt appeared underneath.

Porterage.—I may mention that both peers were carrying parcels—an unthinkable thing in ante-bellum days.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

With a Canteen.—"I shall look back on the time I spent with my canteen in France as the best days of my life," said Lady Angela Forbes to me yesterday. "Among my treasures are thousands of letters from fighting men, expressing their gratitude for what I was able to do for them."

Thousands of Sandwiches.—"In those early days canteen work was a novelty, and it was greatly appreciated. Thousands of sandwiches a day were cut and given to the troops. I am taking up another branch of war work now," said Lady Angela.

Planting a Thousand Trees.—The last time I heard from Lady Gregory she told me she was helping to plant a thousand trees on her place in Galway. Now I find her son's

LEAN MEAT (BEST QUALITY) INTO A SAUCEPAN



FILL UP WITH ANY ODD REMNANTS OF ASPARAGUS, FORCED PEAS, HOTHOUSE GRAPES ETC.



PUT CASSEROLE AND SAUCEPAN SIDE BY SIDE ON FIRE, AND LEAVE THEM TO COOK



In the Square.—There was considerable excitement among residents in Arundel-street yesterday when people from the Air Board came a-prospecting for offices. There is a quiet little square at the top of this street which, though situated midway between Leicester-square and Piccadilly-circus, is unfamiliar except to those who know their West End very well, and this appeared to be the objective.

Viscount Promoted.—I hear that Viscount Drumlanrig gets an Army "step." Lord Queensberry's heir, he started people a few weeks ago by carrying off Miss Irene Richards from the lighter lyric stage and making her his Viscountess.

On the Staff.—Young Sir Alexander Napier, I see, has just been made an A.D.C. on the personal staff. This is not a new job to him, as he was A.D.C. to Lord Dudley in Australia eight years ago.

Another A.D.C.—Simultaneously it is announced that Sir George Duckworth King, of the Grenadiers, an even younger Baronet, is also an aide-de-camp. He was wounded very early in the present struggle.

Irish Peer's War Play.—Captain Lord Dunstan has been at his Meath home and returns to France in a few days. I am told that he has been writing a new play.

Viscountess Templetown.—Viscountess Templetown, who is ill in London, is a popular figure in the north of Ireland. Her County Antrim home, Templepatrick, is a famous old mansion.

Tram Types.—The democratic tram absorbs all classes. The other morning in a car to Westminster Bridge I sat next to a genuine Earl. The belted one took great joy in the impromptu singing of a bunch of wounded from a tramsontine hospital.

Footballer.—We were talking yesterday about Lieutenant Wooley, upon whose savage sentence by the Huns the British Government has threatened reprisals, when a football enthusiast reminded us that the airman was a regular member of the Bristol "Rugger," fifteen.

Pity the Poor Actor.—Special arrangements about food cards will have to be made by touring actors, we are instructed. A player well known in the provinces from Dundee to Plymouth tells me that life for the strolling player is hardly worth living now.

Mercenary "Ma."—The theatrical landlady, who "let to the profession" for years, he said, "now bars her door against the munner. She is letting to munition workers, who pay her better and are not so irregular in their habits."

A Jewish Play.—"The Little Brother," produced at the Ambassadors last night, strikes a new note in British drama. It illustrates the conflict between two ideals, the clash between two creeds, and—what, from the point of view of drama is more effective—the unconscious enmity between two brothers. It is a Jewish play.

Wimsome Heroine.—The acting throughout is superb. Especially admirable are Mr. Ben Nathan, Mr. Roy Byford, Mr. Lyn Harding, Mr. Fisher White and Miss Cecily Byrne—sweetest and most winsome of heroines. The audience—chiefly a Jewish one—applauded loudly.

Mr. Hawtrey at the Savoy.—Mr. Charles Hawtrey ought to be satisfied with the success of "Nothing but the Truth," of which he was the producer. I saw "C. H." at the Savoy on Monday night running up the stairs like a young fawn. It was hard to realise that he was in his sixtieth year.

Buster Brown.—I am only one of many hundreds of people in theatrical and journalistic life who mourn the death of Robert Brown—commonly known as "Buster"—the well-known newspaper cartoonist. Apart from his gifts, he was one of the most lovable Bohemians of his time.

Men Marking Again.—The woman billiard player came in with the war. Now I notice that discharged soldiers are replacing her—rather to the relief of the old-fashioned player, who insisted that she was not always quite accurate.

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MISS HOOLEY'S WEDDING.



Lieutenant-Commander A. W. L. Brewell, D.S.C., Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre, R.N., was married at All Saints' Church, Risley, Derbyshire, to Grace Annie Mildred, daughter of Mr. Ernest T. Hooley. She was given away by her father, whose birthday it was.

BRIDE WHO ACTED FOR WOUNDED.



Lieutenant J. Weston Martyr and his bride (Miss Norah Balfour, of Hampstead), who has been acting with Miss Wogan's company at military hospitals, leaving the Chapel Royal, Savoy, yesterday. The bridegroom is a staff officer.



SAVAGE SENTENCE.—Lieut. E. Scholtz, R.F.C., one of the two British airmen sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for dropping leaflets.

LOST SUBMARINE.—Mrs. White, wife of Lieut.-Com. Geoffrey S. White, R.N., who was in command of the E14. The vessel was sunk in the Dardanelles.

NURSES, SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AT THE INVESTITURE.



Group of nurses who received the Royal Red Cross leaving the Palace after being decorated



Sir William Seager received the accolade.



Lieut. Davies, R.N.R., D.S.C.



Mr. Arthur Richardson, M.P. (wearing bowler), talking to Sir Alfred Yeo, M.P., who received the accolade, and Lady Yeo, outside the Palace.



Capt. Donald Richardson, M.C.



Chief Engineer Oliver Jolley, D.S.C.



Chief Steward Furneaux, who received the Albert Medal for saving a sailor, and his mother.



The Revs. W. G. Burgess and King (right), two chaplains who received the M.C.

Captain Richardson, Tank Corps, son of Mr. Arthur Richardson, M.P. for Rotherham, was decorated with the M.C. yesterday. Engineer Jolley is one of the heroes of the merchant service.

WAR TROPHIES MADE INTO TOYS.



Sergeant Martin, R.F.C., of Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, with some of the toys he has made for his children from parts of enemy aeroplanes. He has been severely wounded.

GUNS NAMED AFTER THEM.



Beatie and Babs, who are to give a performance in aid of the mine-sweepers. The men have named two guns after them.